



TO: Representative Amanda Price, Chair
House Committee on Local Government

FROM: Mayor Betty McDaniel
City of Allegan

DATE: September 17, 2014

RE: **HOUSE BILL 5730**

The City of Allegan supports Representative Genetski and his efforts to protect neighborhoods through the restriction of engine suppression brakes on state highways and roads. This support recently has been demonstrated by him introducing House Bill 5730, which restricts compression brakes under certain circumstances.

Many small towns have state trunk lines present to serve the community and businesses. These state trunk lines generally are adjacent and in many cases located through neighborhoods. Trucks are a standard attraction, and we support commerce, but we believe reasonable restrictions against undue noise are warranted, and we believe are not in conflict with business development. Please consider the quality of life in neighborhoods as you address this issue. We know for a fact this is an economic issue worth pursuing.

We would be glad to discuss this issue further, to explain the issue and its significant impact on small communities like the City of Allegan. Feel free to contact with myself or Robert Hillard, city manager, at (269) 673-5511, if you have any questions.